

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-3979

AREA: Madison Square-Oliver Historic District MAGI NO.: 0439795708

ADDRESS: 1501 E. Oliver st.

CURRENT NAME: St Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church

BLOCK: 1137 LOT: 42/45

LOT SIZE: 213' x 150'

HEIGHT:

MATERIALS: Stone/brick

CONDITION: Good

OWNER: St. Paul's R.C. Church & Parsonage

ADDRESS:

USE: Religious

ACCESSIBLE: Yes; restricted

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO: SCL 4532-25



HISTORIC NAME: St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and School

DATE: 1902-1904;1927

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Thomas C. Kennedy/John Stack & Sons; John Stack

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Romanesque revival

DESCRIPTION:

St. Paul's Church, located at 1435 N. Caroline st., at the southeast corner of Caroline and Oliver sts., in Baltimore City, is a rock-faced coursed ashlar building in a cruciform plan with aisled naves, shallow transepts, a gable roof, and a tower at the northeast corner. The Caroline st. facade is three bays wide, the first from right-proper being the tower with spire. The middle bay, on the gable end of the church, has two round-arched double doors inside a larger round arch, and a wheel window above. The end bay is an one-story octagonal tower with an octagonal roof. The Oliver st. elevation is seven bays wide. The first from left-proper is the tower. The next four bays each have a tripartite round-arched window with a wheel window in the clerestory above. The sixth bay is the transept, which has a large round-arched window containing a wheel window within it. The seventh bay has a pedimented round-arched doorway on the first story and three windows with a gabled dormer on the second story. The rectory is adjacent to the rear of the church, with its gable-end facade on Oliver. It is three stories on a raised basement. The west elevation of the convent and school on Caroline st. are similar random, rock-faced ashlar buildings. The right-proper building is seven bays and three stories on a raised basement. The left proper building is six bays wide and four stories high, on a raised basement.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture

LEVEL: Local

St. Paul's Church is the most dominating architectural landmark in Oliver, as well as a major work of an important Baltimore architect. The original church, designed by Thomas Kennedy and dedicated in 1889, was only intended to be temporary, and the new church was started in 1902 and dedicated in 1904. The old rectory was torn down and a new one erected at the back of the church, and the old church building was converted to school use. A new house for the sisters teaching at the school was also erected, adjacent to the rear of the church, the ensemble costing \$105,000. The new church was designed by Thomas Kennedy, as well, and built of Port Deposit granite with trimmings of a grey sandstone from Cleveland, a steel framework and steel truss roof covered in slate. It was considered to be French Romanesque. The tower and spire were 153 feet high and covered by tiles. The interior had vaulted ceilings and white oak furnishings and seated 776. The old church, and several rowhouses south of it, was torn down in 1927 to make room for a new parochial school and convent which, when equipped, cost about \$300,000. It was built of brick, with a stone front to harmonize with the church, and was designed by John Stack, architect of St. John's Male School (B-3958). Kennedy's 1902 drawings are at the Maryland Historical Society.

SOURCES: Sun: 7-30-1888, 5-10-1902, 10-31-1902, 1-23-1927; Catholic Mirror: 5-21-1904.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Kenneth M. Short, August 1987

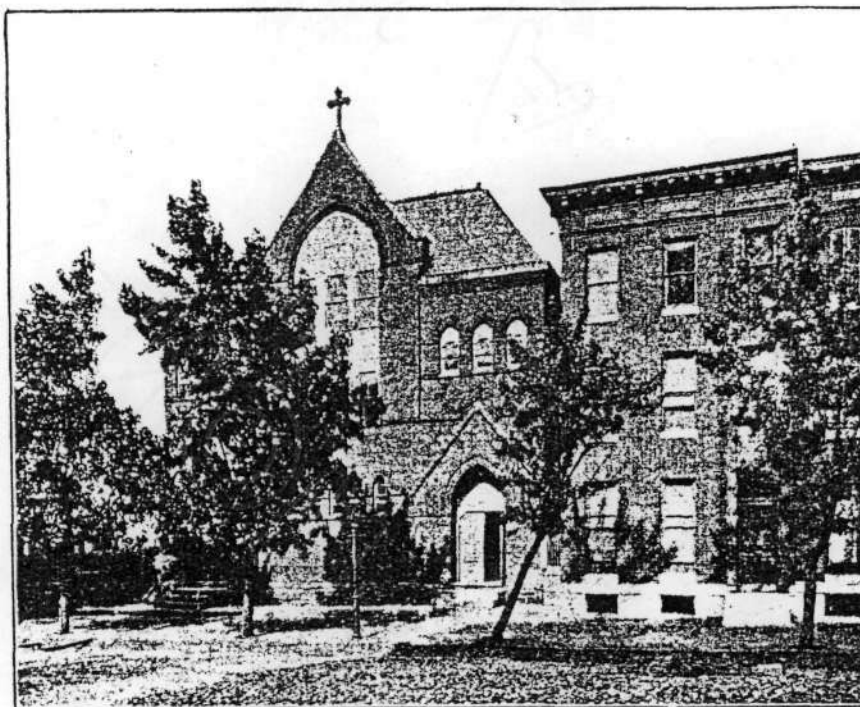


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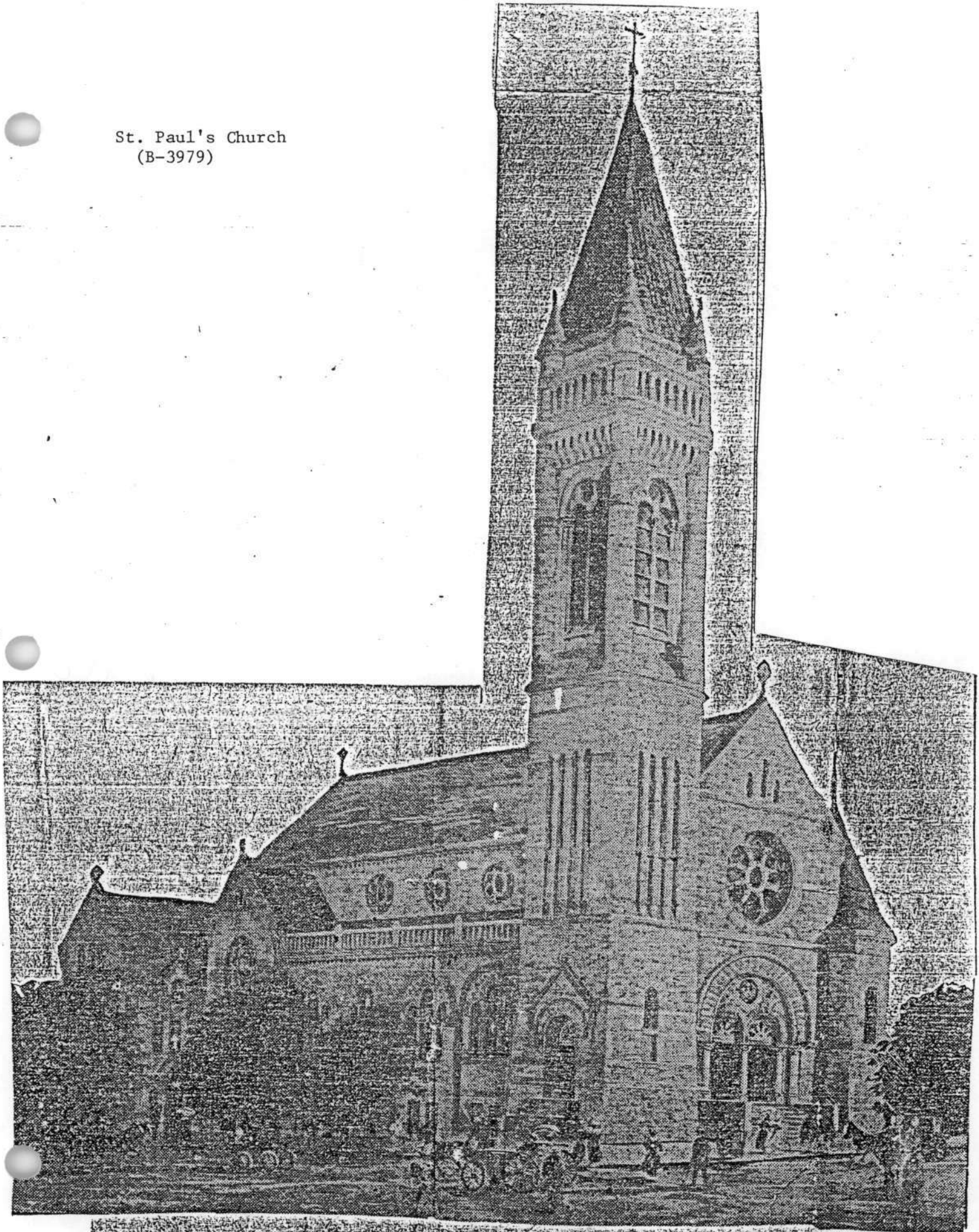
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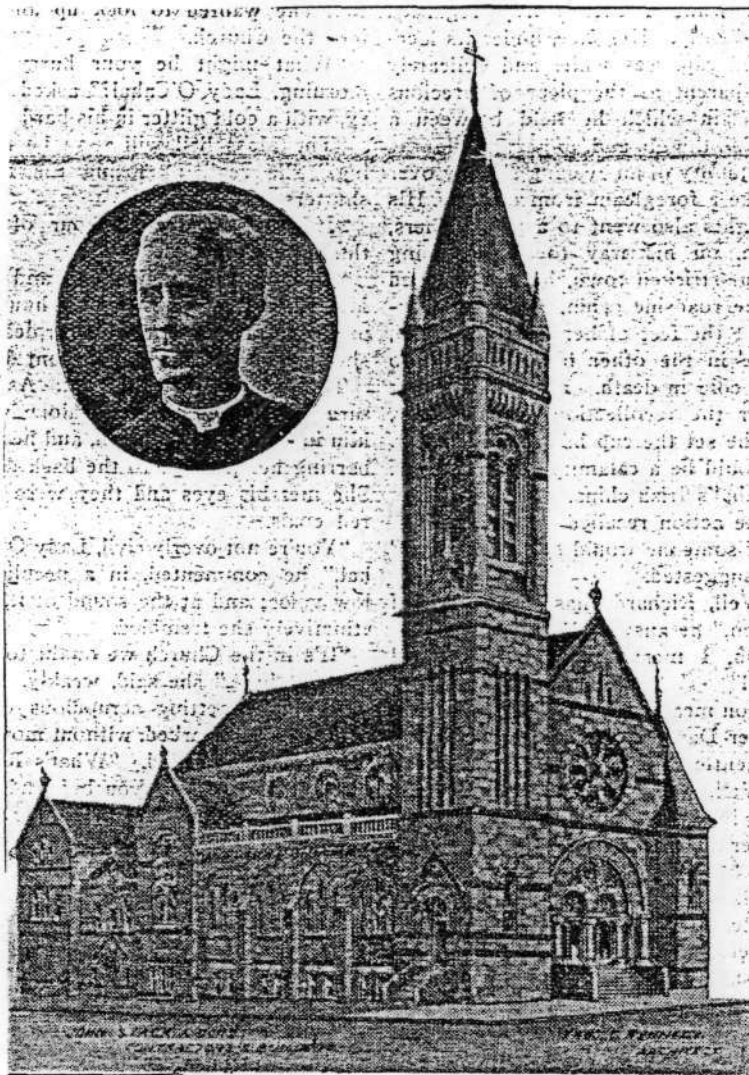
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The Catholic Red Book, (Baltimore: Catholic Directories Co., 1902), p.434.

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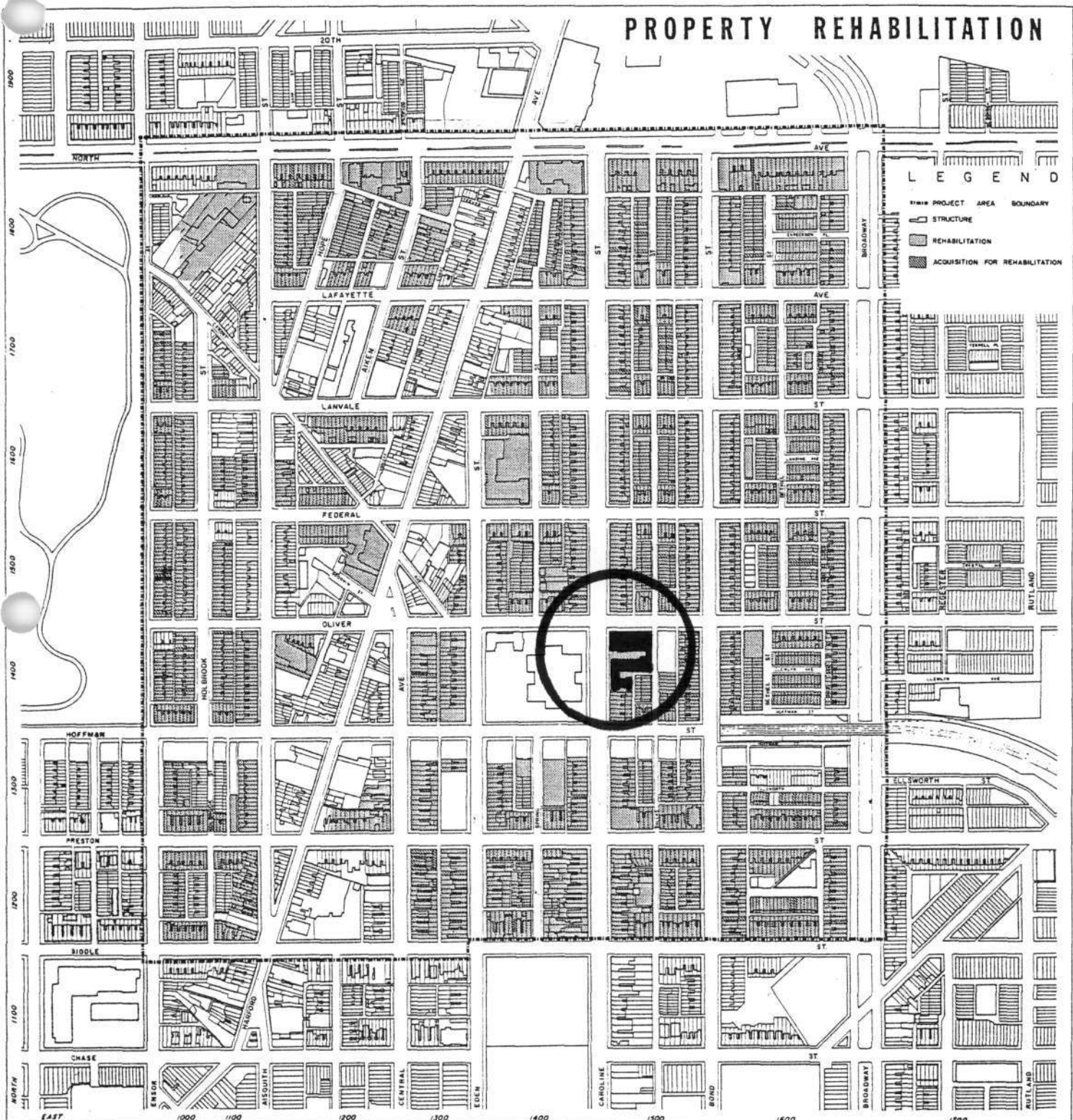


THE SUN, BALTIMORE, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 31, 1902.



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The Catholic Mirror, Baltimore, Md., May 21, 1904, in C.H.A.P. V.F.



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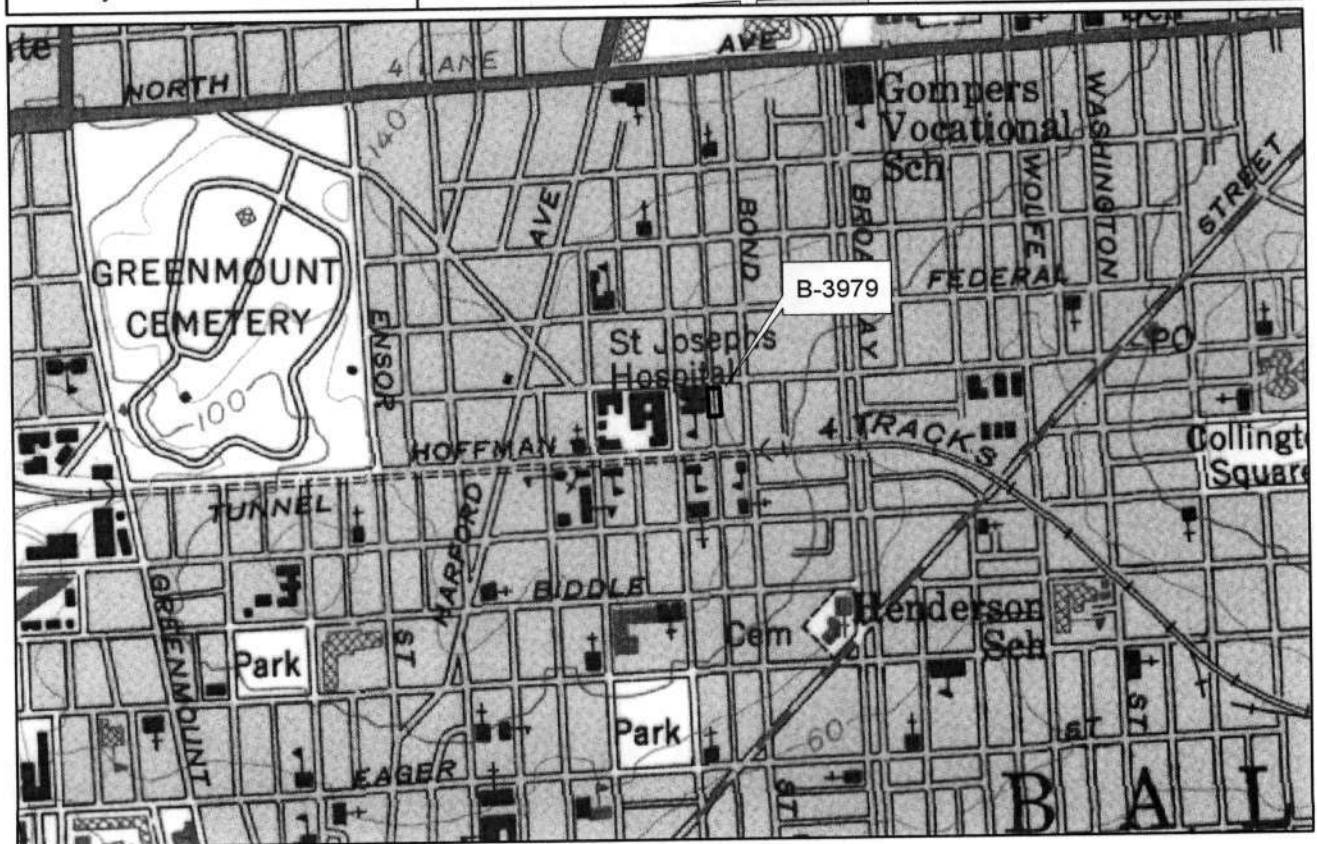
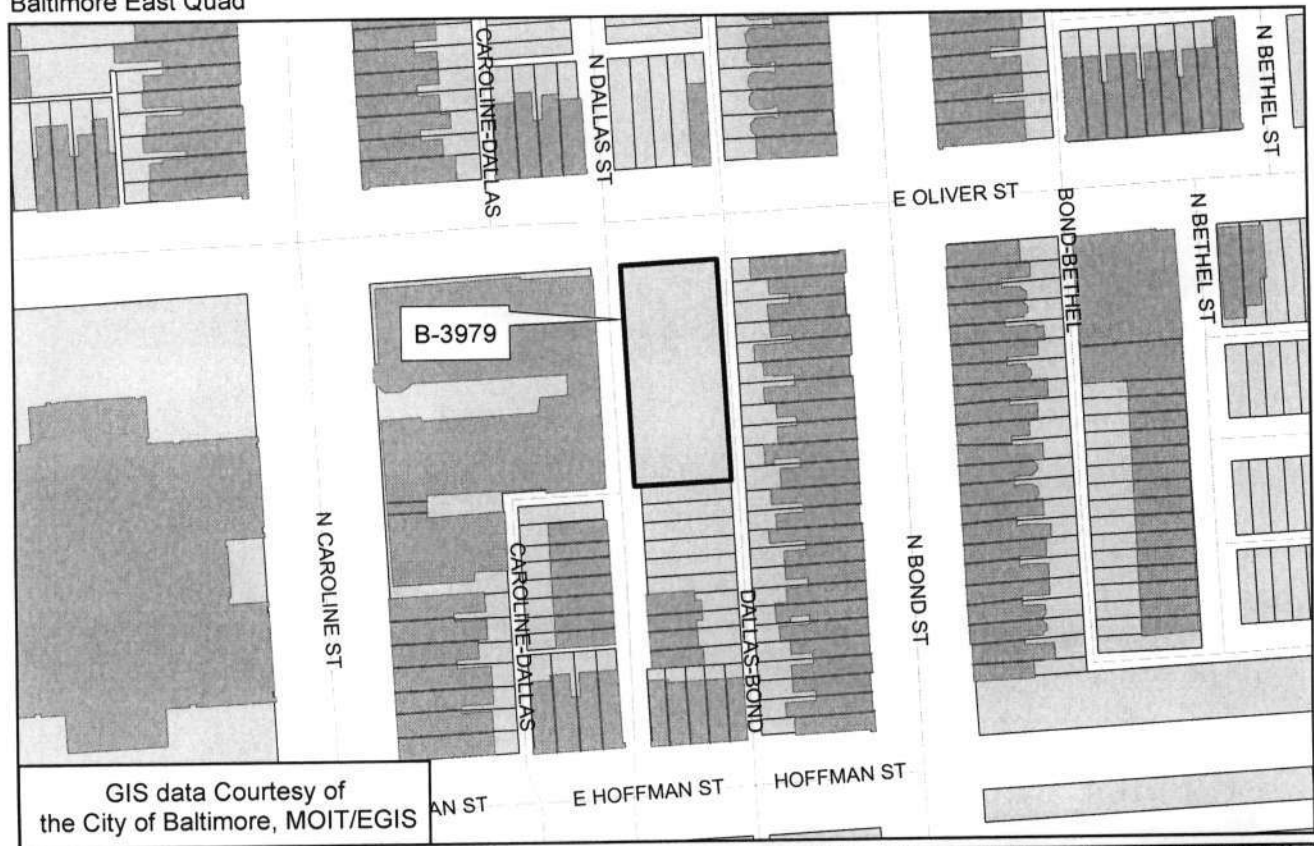
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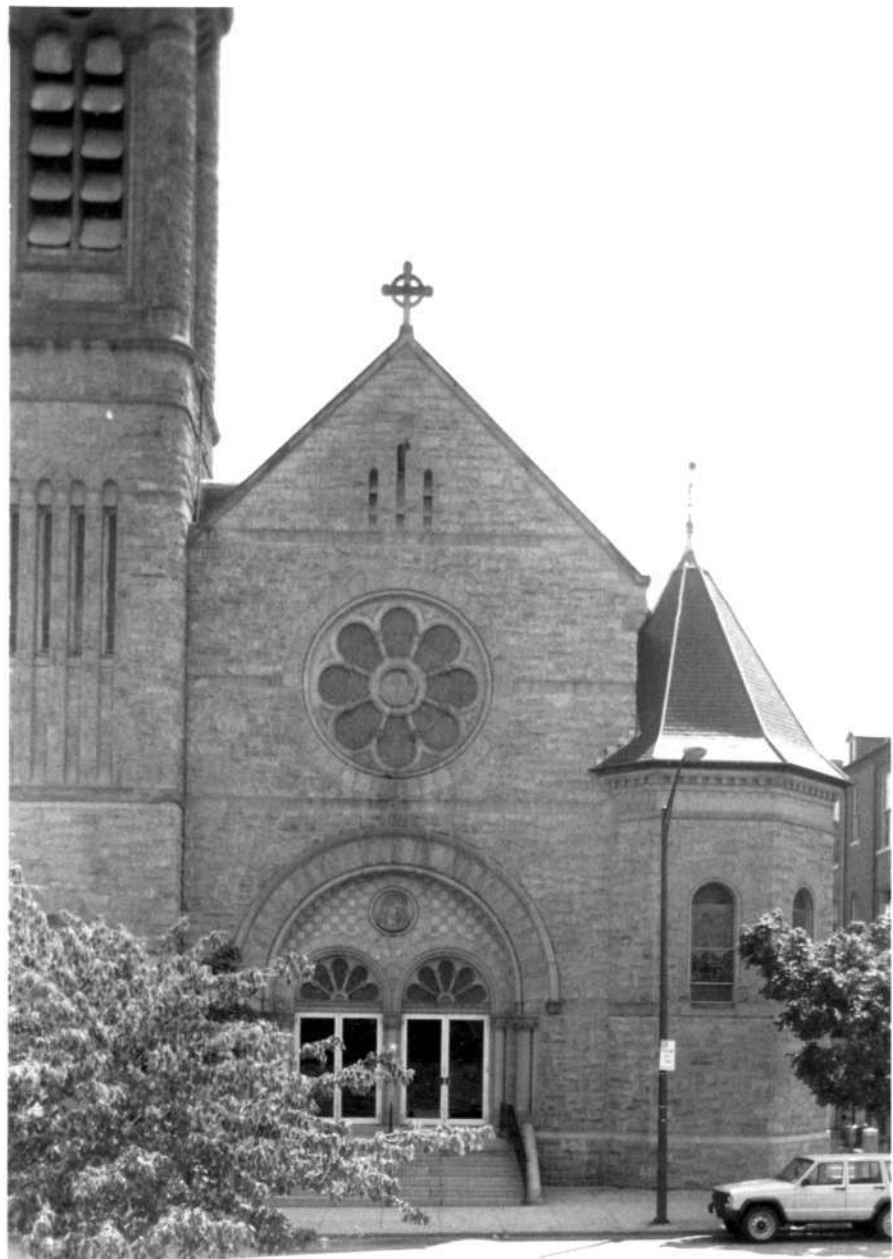
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Northwest corner view

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West elevation

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Interior: General view

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School Bldg., west elevation

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School Bldg., east elevation

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